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The meeting was called to order at 9.40 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/48/243 and A/48/244)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Secretary-General for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" (A/48/243).

2. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

3. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

4. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Secretary-General for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations military liaison team in Cambodia" (A/48/244).

5. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY ALGERIA (A/48/245)

7. Mr. HADID (Algeria), speaking on behalf of members of the Group of African States, said that the request was prompted by the exceptional gravity and real dangers of locust infestation in the Sahel-Maghreb region. The international community should be alerted to the potential dangers of the infestation and its economic, social and environmental consequences for the affected regions. The request by Algeria included a draft resolution, which was supported by the Group of African States and also by Belgium, China, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It was essential that the General Assembly should act expeditiously on the matter so that the relevant organs of the United Nations system, in particular FAO, could take all the necessary measures for the rapid implementation of the emergency plan of action.

8. Mrs. HASSAN (Egypt) fully supported the inclusion of the item, since the dangers of the locust infestation were very real and action was needed at all levels, local, national and international.

9. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

10. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 9.50 a.m.